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SAVING TREES FROM MICE.

Some of the Safeguards Against These Pests Described.

As many farmers know, mice are often destructive pests in orchards, and espe-cially do young apple orchards suffer from their depredations. In countries where snow abounds, orchardists, as a rule, depend upon tramping down the snow around the trees for protection, and when this is done directly after each storm, there will be but little danger. But in many sections other precautions must of necessity be resorted to.

One of the surest safeguards against mice in young orchards, says The American Cultivator, are strips of tin or sheet iron rolled in the form of tubes, having them a little larger in diameter than the trees. Old tin cans used for packing trees. Old tin cans used for packing vegetables, oysters and meats can be utilized for this purpose to good advantage. These should first be placed in a fire until the solder which holds the heads and fastens the sides is melted. Two canstiveted together with malicable tacks will make a tube of sufficient length to protect a tree. They can be kept in the form of a tube by means of a small wire passed around them and the ends twisted together.

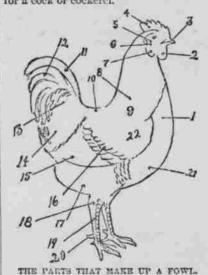
Some orchardists depend upon poison placed in convenient receptacles in different parts of the orchard, where the mice will be sure to find them. One method specifical in to take straight. sometimes practiced is to take straight grained 4 by 4 spruce joist or scantling, and with an inch and a half augur bore a hole about four or five inches in one end, then saw the piece off an inch or two above the point reached by the angur. Place a quantity of corn med in augur. Place a quantity of corn meal in which arsenic has been mixed in the open end, then tack a strip of shingle wide enough to cover about one-half the wide enough to cover about one-half the orifice across the open end to prevent the contents from running out. Prepare a sufficient number of these to protect the orchard, and place them among the trees, elevating the solid end a little, so that the water from melting snow will not be retained in the blocks. These blocks should be gathered in the spring as soon as the snow is gone, and their contents burned.
The blochs can then be packed away for another season's use. They can be prepared under cover during rainy weather. Where much of straw or me ow hay has been applied to the young trees during the summer, it should be removed. ing the summer, it should be removed before winter sets in, as it affords ex-cellent shelter for the little pests.

The Farmer's Vule Tide Proverbs. A light Christmas, a heavy sheaf. A warm Christmas, a cold Easter. A green Christmas, a white Easter.

A wind on Christmas day, trees will bring much fruit. The shepherd would rather see his wife enter the stable on Christmas day than

If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day, there will be an abundant crop the following year.

Many of the technical terms used by growers of poultry are misapplied be-cause not fully understood. The terms cock and cockerel, for instance, are often confounded. The former is properly applied only to a male fowl over one year old, while cockerel is a name not applicable if a bird is a year old. Chick is literally a newly batched fowl, while chicken applies indefinitely to any age under one year old. The term clutch is properly applied, both to the batch of eggs sat epon by a fowl and to the broad of chickens hatched therefrom. The word breed is used to designate any variety of fowl presenting distinctive char-acteristics. Brood means the family of chicks belonging to a single mother. Broody is a term applied to a fowl that desires to sit or incubate. A race of fowls that have been carefully bred by one breeder or his successor for a number of years and has attained an individual character of its own, is known as a "strain." The term pullet, designating a young hen, is not applicable after a bird is one year old. Rooster is a term for a cock or cockerel.



Considerable ignorance also prevails regarding the parts that make up a fowl. For the benefit of novices is here repro Fancier, which gives a good idea and may prove useful to many readers. The cut will be readily understood with the aid of the annexed key:

13 Tall coverta. 14 Saddle. 15 Secondaries. 16 Wingooverts. 17 Fluff. 18 Hock. 19 Shank or leg. 20 Spur. 21 Keel or breast bone.

1 to 21 Breast or body. 22 Wing bow or shoulder. Here and There.

Beans are being sent from California in large quantities to supply the defi-ciency in the eastern states. The orange crop of Florida, according to The Florida Dispetch, is estimated at

3,000,000 boxes this year. The California Fruit Grower places the total yield of wine for the season of 1888 in the state of California at 17,000,000

At the Danville Tobacco exposition 1,600 samples of all grades of tobacco, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, were displayed. The new bureau of correspondence with agricultural stations, authorized to be established at the last session of congress, has begun work at Washington. Professor W. O. Atwater is director, Professor W. H. Welch, Dr. E. O. Shakespeare and Professor T. J. Burrill constitute the commission appointed by the commissioner of agriculture to investigate the subject of swine diseases in the United States and mothods of their treatment and prevention.

A ungget of silver studged with the

Small brooches in a combination of American pearls and rubies are being introduced. A scarf pin novelty represents a cow's head of small diamonds, with gold horns tipped with emeralds.

Sprays of wild roses, surrounded by a chased border, are delicately etched on a sil-

LIGHT AND AIRY. REDDY'S BIG HAND.

Her Meditations. The one has a divine mustache, WARM FOR THE "RAISERS," His giblets or his jags.

Shall I appear in gowns of state, Or shall I dress in rags? Which shall I choose? What is my fate-His giblets or his jags? Betwixt the two-alas! poor me!

My wayward fancy lags; Which shall I take? Which shall it be-His giblets or his jags? Regarding my delay the tongue Of Mrs. Grundy wags. Of each I hear the praises sung, His giblets and his jage.

The problem bears upon me still, His giblets or his jagu?

Prepared for Business First Tramp—Where'd yer sleep last night! Second Tramp—Had a hard night. Slept on a lot o' hay. First Tramp-Well, what's the matter with

Second Tramp-It was baled hay. Where'd First Tramp-I had a bad night. Slept in

Second Tramp-Feather bed! First Tramp-No, asparagus bed. Say, let's go into business together. Second Tramp—What kind of business! First Tramp—Funny business. — Detroit

What's in a Name? An Englishman whose name was Wemyas,
Went crazy at last, so it samyss,
Because the people would not
Understand that they ought
To call him not Weemis, but Weems.

Another whose last name was Enollys, Tried vainly to vote at the pollys, But no ballot be cast, Because till the last The clerk couldn't call Knolliss Noles.

And then a young butcher named Belvoir, Went and murriered a man with a clevoir, Because the man couldn't, Or possibly wouldn't, Pronounce his name properly Beever.

There was an athlete named Strachan, Who had plenty of sinew and brachen, And he'd knock a man down With an indignant frown If he falled to pronounce his name Strawn.

A Serious Objection "What a beautiful girl!" exclaimed young Alexander McMash when he saw Miss Galley-west in a box at the theatre. "Yes, poor thing," said his sister, pityingly, "but she can never have any standing what-

ever in society."
"Why?" inquired Alexander in surprise. "secause she can't whistle a little bit," replied his charming sister, puckering her lips onsciously.-Chicago News.

Twe something to tell you," he bashfully said, And his face turned a lobster like hue; 'I'm sure you ne'er guessed" (here his color all "What I'm going to mention to you."

"We've long known each other" (his listener's Encouragement gave to proceed),
"And I trust that true friendship will aid you to

"Whate'er you may say, I'll not frown." He gasped—in confusion he stood for a while—
"Your back hair is all coming down!"
—Merchant Travelor.

Citizen-What'll it cost me, Uncle 'Rastus, to have my hencoop whitewashed!

Uncle 'Rastus (dubiously)—Well, I would gib yo' adwice, Mister Smith, not ter hab de hencoop whitewashed at all. Take a white-washed hencoop along bout t or 2 block in do mawnin, an' I tells you, Mister Smith, it looks mighty ghostly, deed it do, at least [hastily] dat's what I have heerd sayed.—New whitewashed at all. Take a white-

Rival Attractions. "My mother's got a prettier face Than your mother has," said Ray To his little four-year old cousin Grace, In a boy's most lordly way.

Little Grace thought for a moment. Then To her mother's defense came she. "My mamma can do what your mother can't," She said triumphantly.

"I don't believe it," asserted Ray. "But it's so," said Grace with a pout Of wrath and defiance. "Don't you know She can take her teeth all out! -Detroit Free Press.

A Slight Improvement-"Young man," said the conductor, "to-bacco chewing is not allowed in the ladies'

"I am not chewing tobacco," replied the young man, with some severity; "I am chew-

"Well, for heaven's sake," said the conductor, pulling out from his pocket his box of Old Comfort, "here, take a chew of tobacca." -New York Sun.

Her Wedding Present. She smiles like a beautiful flower In the sunny breezoublecon.

As she looked at her wedding presents,

That almost filled a room.

She dwelt on the dainty etching. On the carven saind Lowl; On editions de luxe in vellum— And prusic thrilled her soul

As the wild rose burns in the twilight, This thought is her bosom burned:
"They are mostly from married people,
And won't have to be returned."

A Winter Morn. Tis more, and from my ensement I behold The scene of spiender which the dawn doth

The sky all red, and amethyst and gold, The landscape beath its snowy covering. gaze in rapture on the scene, till lot Downward my thoughts from heights ethercal

it fills my heart with woe-That I my old snow shorel now must ply.

-Yankee Elade. For the General Good "I say, Cynicus," said Scribuler, "if you were in my place what would you sweer off

"H'mt well, I think I'd give up writing." "What did you get yesterday when you found the pantry door openf" asked Merritt.
"Why," replied little Johnnie, "got sick."—

New York Evening Bun. The Christmas Riddle. "What a lot of things I have left over." Said the frugal bousewife with a sigh.

Then she smilled as though she were in clover

As she made them into a big minor pie.

-New York Evening Sun. Lawrence Barrett was born in Paterson Emperor William has forbidden horse rac ing in Prussia on Sunday and holy days. It is said that Browning wrote "Lady Geraldine's Courtship" in two consecutive hours.

Although nearly 60 years of age, Alphonse Daudet does not look it by at least ten years. The only jubilee gift which Emperor Fran. Melbourne. It is "Froudacity."

Judge Charles J. McCurdy, of Lyme, Conn.,

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A "COLD DECK" THAT MADE IT VERY

A Game of Poker That the Old Sports of California Remember-Three Aces Was His Weakness, but Somehow He Caught the Fourth That Time.

In the early days of California, in the good times before the ranchmen and Judge Sawyer came there with their injunctions to put a stop to hydraulic mining, and a stopper on the men of the mountains who first lifted California out of the hide and tallow trade and placed her in the sisterhood of states; in those days when the honest miner was digging his bushels of money out of the gulches and hills, and making life possible and profitable to those on the ranches in the valleys, gold coin and gold dust were not held with the throttling grasp char-acteristic of this horticultural and bucolic era. Then the eager and alert eye of the calculating rancher sought out the min-ers as he descended from the heights of the Sierras, and his hand was extended in welcome, while the man of nuggets and "chispas" was still afar off.
In those days of old, and days of gold,

Reddy and Andrews (Tom Andrews, a man known to all the old time Pacific coast sports), found immensely rich diggings at Forest City, Sierra county. They frequently cleaned up from \$20,000 to \$30,000 at one time. When a clean up was made one of the partners would take the dust to the mint in San Francisco.

HE FOUGHT THE "TIGER."

In making these trips they generally took turns. It was before the days of the railroads; was in the old, romantic, sociable, happy times of the steamer lines on the rivers of the Golden state. It was the regular habit of the partners on getting off the rolling, thumping on getting oif the rolling, thumping mountain coach, to stay all night at Sacramento, taking the boat the next afternoon for San Francisco. When it was the turn of Andrews to go down to the bay with the dust he frequently did battle with the "tiger" while lying over at Sacramento, but Reddy's strong suit was poker. Three accs was his highend. When he held three accs he would When he held three aces he would bet his "bottom dollar and go his liver and lights blind." This was so well known that it had passed into a proverb among the Sacramento sports. On one occasion, when Reddy had been playing all night with some Sacramento men and quit \$8,000 ahead of the game, it was concluded to follow him up. In pursuance of this plan some of the sports with whom he had sport the night— Charlie Dawson among the number— told Reddy that they had concluded, just

for the fun of the thing, to take a little run with him down the bay.

The boat had not proceeded far down the river before, as the most natural thing in the world, a poker game was started. In the game were Reddy, Foster, a hotel keeper from one of the southern counties; Charlie Dawson, and two other sports. A job had been put up to raise a cold deck and give Reddy his favorite hand of three aces. The game proceeded, and at the proper time Dawson and favoily that is extremely poison ceeded, and at the proper time Dawson raised the deck. The cards were dealt, and Reddy got his three aces, Dawson three kings and the others indifferent hands. In the draw Dawson got the other king, and Reddy drew two cards, but, having his three aces, he felt strong enough to fight an army, and he did not pick up or look at the two cards he had drawn. Betting began, and Foster and the two sports with Dawson did not come in. Having four kings, and being confident that Reddy had only three aces, Dawson went it strong, and, having his three aces, Reddy felt that nothing could whip him. He was so sure that he was right that he paid no attention to the cards lying by his side which he had got in the draw.

DOMINGO JOE'S SONO. The betting very shortly became red hot. Most of the loungers about the boat were soon gathered around the two men, watching the game with breathless interest. Among the lookers on was Domingo Joe, a nervous and restless little sport who was Dawson's friend and chum. Joe —a Portuguese or Spaniard—was skip-ping back and forth in a restless way that seems characteristic of undersized men -mannikins-peeping over the shoulders of the two men at their cards as often as an opportunity offered, his eyes sparkling and dancing with excitement.

He felt confident that the cards had been properly stacked, yet he would have given whole landfuls of gold for a single peep at those which Reddy had not yet picked up. Several thousand dollars had already been bet, and finally, as a stumper, Dawson went £2,000 bet-ter. Reddy promptly saw the raise and id, "I go you another \$2,000 better." Quite sosent mindedly be then picked up the two cards that had all along been lying unnoticed at his side. The wensel eye of Domingo Joe detected the other ace as the cards were lifted. Instantly an ashy pallor spread over his weazen visage. It seemed as though he had been stricken by death. However, the stroke paralyzed him for only a moment, and almost instantly he recovered his self ession, and thrusting both hands into his trousers pockets and assuming an indifferent air, he sheered off from the party, and enrelessly sauntering up and down the boat he sang:

And the other folks fell in, too, boys, And the other fell in there, too.

That was enough for Dawson. The words of Domingo Joe's pretended song came to his cars as a death knell. He turned pale, then red, threw down his cards and said: "Take it all. I squeal." As Reddy raked down the whole pile he threw a glance around the circle of pale and silent spectators, and sang as though the words of Domingo Joe just reached his ears:

And the other fell in, too, boys, And the other fell in there, too.

A Feathered Mugwump. Mr. Henry C. Hamilton, one of the most truthful men in Georgia, tells of a great curiosity which Bob Kenyon, an old negro man, is raising on Mr. Hamil-ton's place in Dalton. The object may be described as a fowl mugwump. It is half duck and half chicken, its father being a duck and its mother a hen.

The mugwump is about the size of a

frying size chicken. It is of the femi-nine gender. The head and breast are built like a hen, and the back, tail and legs are formed like those of a duck. But, strange to say, the creature is not webfooted. The fowl mugwump cackles like a hen, and in walking wabbles like a duck. Mr. Hamilton says that he was in Dalton Sunday and spent an hour looking at the freak. He says that it is the funniest thing be ever saw in a barn-yard.—Atlanta Constitution.

Mrs. Arthur Stannard, better known as John Strange Winter, felt perfectly confi-dent that the dramatization of "Bootle's Baby" would be a success because a black cat followed through the stage door. Maybe the play will have nine lives.

birth to a new word in the assembly house at Melbourne. It is "Froudacity."

THE GILA MONSTER.

A Mysterious and Dreaded Reptile.

The Gila Monster has excited considerable cu. iosity and given rise to many incredible stories, so that it may

ns qualities. eavy, rounded body which touches along, unless enraged, when it moves harmless; and when sitting [lying] on quicker and is more erect. Its color- a rock with its mouth sending forth a ng is like that of a rattlesnake, black figuring on yellow, the entire body be- a ministure steam engine, it presents a

The illustration is the most perfect we have seen produced of this crea-



ard family that is extremely poison

some respects the poison is similar punish enemies; the judiciary would

Some have concluded from its sluggishness that it is harmless, but this is a great mistake. In some cases it is not easily provoked; at other times specimens are found that are extren.e ly irritable. The mouth is large and strong, and often, when enraged it will attack everything within reach.

The natives capture it by a long sapling with a noose at the end, so that if cannot get nearer to them than three or four feet. They are occasionally brought into town in this way, lunging and spitting, to the terror the Mexicans and Indians. Those acpuninted with its habits state that its reath is extremely virulent, and from this it receives the native cognomen, Escupion [es-coo-pee-YAWN], meaning to the statements of credible authority. natives' fear of its exhalation is well

The matter came up at the late meeting of the College of Physicians at Philadelphia. Doctors Mitchell and Reichart had on hand live, vigorous specimens of the Monster. Dr. Mitchell caused one to attack the edge of dish and some of the saliva was caught in a watch glass. This was first tested. The poison of venomons reptiles is aciduous, but strangly enough as if to have nothing in common with other reptiles, this was atkaline. A minute quantity was then injected in a live pigeon, which was dead in less than nine minutes, although this poison is very slow. Other experiments were tried which demonstrated its dangerous character. According to these learned doctors, "Rattlesnake poison is a bagatelle in comparison."

The writer has received several authentic testimonies regarding the fearful poison, and will give a case in mind: An acquaintance was pros-pecting with his partner, several years ago, when the latter found a Gila Monster, which he incautiously handled. The ugly animal immediately made a vicious lunge, but succeeded in inflicting only a seemingly harmless scratch, and the matter was passed as a mere incident. But the victim's health at once began to fail and he soon wasted away until he was hardly more than a bundle of dry bones, when death ended his sufferings. The remaining partner never recovered from the shock, and is very bitter against those

who claim that the reptile is harmless. Not long since, the writer came in possession of a live "Spitter." But it was so vicious that the association was unpleasant. One day a broom was held toward it. Quick as a wink the lifted, but the creature still hung on with its heavy body swinging in the air, We concluded that we hadn't any further use for Helodermas, and disposed of it at once. On the other hand, there are those

who with equal assurance tell us that the Gila Monster is as harmless as a dog. They say that it has been domesticated and handled, without showing any disposition to aght. Of course this can all be true without impeaching the testimony of those who have been poisoned, for the proof offered in the latter case is merely negative. It only shows what the saurian has not done, and cannot be taken as evidence against the former grounds.

advance the idea that venom is produced when excited, as popularly sup-

posed in the case of the dog. On this subject Hamilton's resour ces of Arizona says: "First among these singular curiosities comes the not be amiss to take a closer look at large saurian, commonly called the the mysterious object in the light of re- 'Gila Monster.' It is of the hzard cently developed facts. The hideous species and sometimes reaches a body is in great demand, when stuffed, length of two feet. It is usually of a as an object of curiosity; but very few blackish-red color, covered with scales, care to undertake the task, owing to and has anything but a preposessing its repulsiveness and reputed poison- appearance. It is generally found southern in the portion of the Ter-The scientific name for the reptile ritory and makes its home on Heloderma Horridum. In length it the dry and barren mesas [flat aries from 15 to 30 inches, and has a hills] between the 35th and 32d parallels and between the 1110 and the ground when the animal creeps 114 longitude. It is not entirely

> formidable appearance to the new ar-A local wag has in his store an apple box with a cloth thrown over for a cover, and labeled on the outside in large letters, "Gila Monster." It is his delight to entice the unwary stranger in and induce him' to cautiously life up the cloth, who, with a start: confronts-a bronzed bootjack!-Florence Moral and Scientific Companion.

greenish, frothy slime and puffing like

STATEHOOD FOR ARIZONA. The Great Benefits To Be Derived From

Her Admission. The governor has recommended the territorial legislature to memoraial ize congress to pass an act enabling Arizona to frame a state constitution have it adopted by our people prior to admission into the Union at the fiftysecond congress, or two years from this time. The Gazette understands that such a memorial will be shortly introduced and hopes it will pass without a dissenting voice in either house. Just now there is a disposition in both branches of congress to make new

Arizona should seize the opportune moment to cast aside her baby dresses and don the robes of maturity. Many supposed that the expense attending a state government would be greater than we could bear. This is the ar gument of those who prefer depend ency to independence. The increases expense would not be more than \$20. 000 yearly, for this is all that the federal government contributes to our support. Let us see what are its ad-

vantages: First, we could have a judicial and executive government controlled by the people for their well being and prosperity. Our officers would be the chosen servants of the people, account able to the sovereigns for their con duct in public life. Justice would be swift; no judge would hold a case under advisement for months and year It is supposed to be a cross between that his sweet pleasure, nor would be a rattlesnage and a national make decisions to reward friends or interpret the laws and not attempt to control and direct legislation. Our governors would feel that their allegiance was due the people and not in any sense to the powers at Washing ton. We should have a representa

tion in congress that could make itself

felt in shaping the affairs of the na The expenses of the national government amounts annually to about seven dollars per capita, which is raised by our tariff and internal revenue regulations; so Arizona pays into Uncle Sam's strong box about seven hundred thousand dollars yearly, for which her citizens receive no return Is it not time that this should end? Is it not time that we should have a vote and voice as to how this money should in English, "the spitter." According all that we would prosper more were be expended? Does it not appear to science has demonstrated that the we permitted to frame our own laws without the advice and consent of Massachusetts and South Carolina, o Indiana and Texas? Arizona has \$75, 000,000 of property; she has nearly 100,000 people as active, intelligen enterprising a citizenship as can be found elsewhere. She has 1,450,000 acres of land enclosed under the canat system and millions more that can

be reclaimed, if cranks in congress

She has millions of acres that can be

cultivated without irragation. She has

will permit it.

the finest climate in the world, 20, 000 square miles of lumber forests, the best mines of gold, silver, copper and coal to be found in the west. Here nature has given everything necessary to create empires. Why, then, should we lear to take the step that places our territory in the sisterhood of states? The records of the office of commissioners of immigration show conclusively that the latent wealth-the undeveloped resources-of Arizona are being studied abroad, and that the tide of immigration needs only intelligent direction to build up our waste.

This house, under the new management has the best accommodations at the most reasonable rates. ourselves; if we send broadcast through the land the unvarnished truth in reference to our capacity to support a dense population we shall have the people and that speelily. Let us advertise what lies at our doors. The legislature can afford to be liberal in printing and distributing matter in reference to the territory. It is bread cast upon the waters that will return

ground that will spring up to an abundant harvest. In four years from this time there is no reason why we should not have a population of two hundred thousand. broom was seized in its powerful jaws At the rate it is setting towards us it and held like a vise. The broom was will even more, and every intelligent be thinking man must know that the American people are not inclined to cast their lots with communities when they are robbed of the dearest rights of citizenship; the right to participate in the governments under which they live. If Arizona is not admitted into the union before the first session of the fifty-second congress closes, then we can bid farewell to every hope in that direction for the next six or ten years.-Phenix Gazette.

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